[Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai.]

FREE PASS RULES COMMITTEE.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The next item on the agenda put into my hands refers to the election of members for the Free Pass Rules Committee. That will be taken up after the legislative business of the day is over. The non-official members are requested to meet under the Presidency of the Deputy President to elect four members for the formation of a committee to consider the draft revised Forest Rules regulating the issue of passes for private timber under Section 33 of the Forest Regulation, II of 1068, as amended by Regulations IV of 1071, IX of 1085, IV of 1089, and VIII of 1097.

THE LIMITATION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The next item to which we should pass on is the question that the Limitation Regulation Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee. I understand that, owing to some misconception, some members were not able to offer their constructive suggestions on the general principles underlying the Bill, and that the Select Committee proposed to be appointed for considering the provisions of the Bill will not therefore have the advantage of those suggestions. It is open to those members now, in supporting the motion for referring the Bill to a Select Committee, to make such observations as they think would be of help to the Select Committee in their labours.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Sir, as you rightly observed, we regret that, by a misapprehension, we allowed the principle of the Limitation Regulation Amendment Bill to be accepted yesterday without any discussion. But for such misapprehension or misconception, I am quite sure that the principle of the Bill would not have gone unchallenged, especially in view of the addendum supplied which seeks to give retrospective effect to the Regulation with a vengeance. However, as the observations we wish to make do not affect so much the principle of the Bill as the details of the several amendments themselves which are sought to be introduced, we take this opportunity to express our opinions in regard to some of them for the guidance of the members of the Select Committee. There are, no doubt, some apparently innocuous amendments among those that are now proposed to be introduced in the Regulation. There are also amendments which are positively injurious. I shall now refer to some provisions to which I must take serious exception.

In Section 5, the rule regarding the period of limitation for putting in a review petition is sought to be abrogated and a new explanation is attached to the Section to this effect:

"*Explanation*: The fact that the appellant was misled by any order, practice or judgment of the High Court in ascertaining or computing the prescribed period of limitation may be sufficient cause within the meaning of this Section."

In respect of this, what I beg to submit is that, in regard to the three years' rule of limitation regarding review petitions, this did not

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